

Murfreesboro City Schools

2001 - 2002

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Focus on Excellence



*To assure academic and
personal success for each child.*

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The Ruth Bowdoin Preschool Program provides educational experiences for at-risk children.

Most sixth grade classes annually spend time at LBL, Fall Creek Falls, River Ridge, etc. where their total educational program is conducted in an outdoor environment.

Licensed music, physical education, art and media specialists are provided in each school.

All classrooms are technologically equipped as 21st Century Classrooms.

Ten system wide elementary guidance counselors are available to help students.

An extended school program is offered before and after school as well as during summer and break sessions in all schools.

Two Family Resource Centers are available to assist families with accessing community agencies.

An Even Start Family Literacy Program and two Parents as Teachers programs are provided.

A \$2.1 million dollar grant has been awarded to the system to establish 21st century community learning centers at three schools.

The school system is an award winning system for the Franklin Heights Project:

1. The "Leadership for Learning Award" by the American Association of School Administrators.
2. The "Magna Awards 2001" from the American School/Board Journal's panel of judges.
3. The "Best Practices Award" from the International City Management Association.
4. The "Communities Can Award" from the International City Management Association.

Over one million lunches are prepared and served annually. Breakfast is served in all schools.

Seventeen school buses are used twice daily to support approximately 2,200 students.



Facts of Interest

All schools and the Central Office of the Murfreesboro City School System are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

On the Terra Nova Assessment Program administered in the spring, the grade averages at all levels exceeded the national norms.

On the Terra Nova Assessment Program, Murfreesboro City Schools' students rank eighth of 137 school systems in the state.

Over 68 percent of the licensed employees have Master's degrees or higher.

The ratio of professional personnel to pupils is approximately 1 to 14. The ratio of classroom teachers to pupils is 1 to 19.

The Coordinator of Instructional Services is available at the Teacher Learning Center to assist all teachers in locating resources to support the curriculum.

A transitional bilingual education program is provided for students of national minority origin who are English language learners.



Student Assignments

Students residing within the city limits are zoned to a city school based on their place of residence with the exception of Bellwood, Bradley, Cason Lane and Siegel Schools. These four schools have been designated "controlled choice" schools; that is, priority of enrollment is given to students residing in the most crowded school zones.

Out-of-city residents may apply for assignment to a city school through the Director of Schools' office. Acceptance and school assignment will be based on availability of space and other factors. A yearly tuition fee of \$200 per family will be assessed. Out-of-county students may apply for assignment in the same manner. A tuition fee of \$900/year will be assessed.

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Schools and Principals

Bellwood Elementary School
435 Sanbyrn Drive 37130
Principal: Joe Thompson (895-2123)

Black Fox Elementary School
1753 S. Rutherford Boulevard 37130
Principal: Zane Cantrell (893-6395)

Bradley Elementary School
511 Mercury Boulevard 37130
Principal: Lynn Miller (895-2672)

Cason Lane Academy
1330 Cason Lane 37128
Principal: Susan Gendrich Cameron (898-7145)

Erma Siegel Elementary School
135 West Thompson Lane 37129
Principal: Barbara Tuckson (904-1002)

Hobgood Elementary School
307 South Baird Lane 37130
Principal: Dr. Ray Butrum (895-2744)

Mitchell-Neilson Elementary School
711 West Clark Boulevard 37129
Principal: Greg Lyles (890-7841)

Mitchell-Neilson Primary School
1303 Jones Boulevard 37129
Principal: Sandra Parks (895-2904)

Northfield Elementary School
550 West Northfield Boulevard 37129
Principal: Charlene Norris (895-7324)

Reeves-Rogers Elementary School
1807 Greenland Drive 37130
Principal: Roseann Barton (895-4973)

Tentative
2001-2002
Budgeted Expenditures

INSTRUCTION	
Direct Student Support	\$2,563,412
School Administration	1,939,231
General Administration/Board of Education	852,652

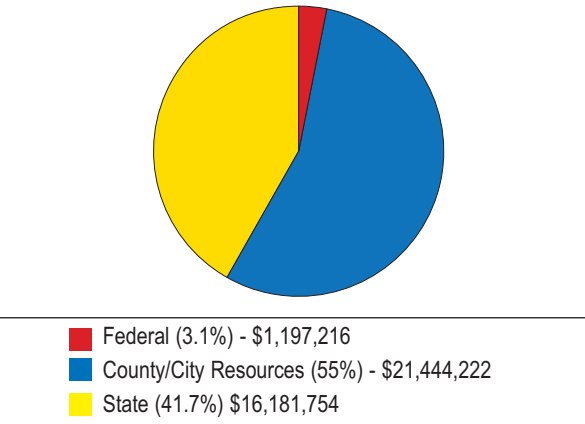
GENERAL SUPPORT	
Regular	\$20,167,646
Special Education	2,016,525

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT	
Pupil Transportation	\$715,907
Food Service	1,082,850
Fiscal Services	378,259
Central and Other	259,313
Plant Operation	2,843,730
Maintenance Services	687,024
Community Services	785,443
Capital Outlay	4,531,200
	\$38,823,192

BUDGETED PER PUPIL EXPENDITURE	
2001 - 2002	\$6,636

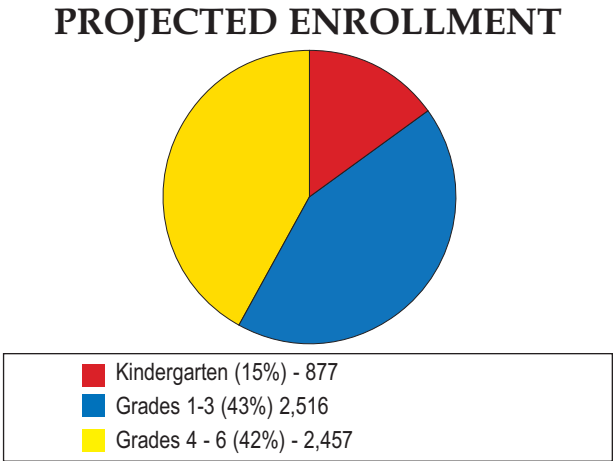
SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE	
(in city budget)	\$3,342,073.06

BUDGETED REVENUE BY SOURCE	
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Student Membership by Year

1985-86	3,462	1993-94	4,993
1986-87	3,689	1994-95	5,200
1987-88	3,859	1995-96	5,359
1988-89	4,130	1996-97	5,439
1989-90	4,259	1997-98	5,567
1990-91	4,426	1998-99	5,650
1991-92	4,630	1999-00	5,672
1992-93	4,830	2000-01	5,729
2001-02	(projected)		5,850



Note: In addition to the above, approximately 200 students will be enrolled in the Ruth Bowdoin Preschool Program

Personnel	
Full Time	678
Part Time	162
ESP	280
ATLAS	114

Leaders in Technology

Since 1982, the Murfreesboro City Schools system has been recognized as a leading school system in Tennessee for implementing technology in its instructional program.

The system’s technology plan, developed by a community committee, was fully implemented during the 1999-2000 school year. Each classroom is equipped as a 21st Century Classroom. A 21st Century Classroom contains a minimum of 6 computers, a TV



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connection for teacher instruction, a shared laser disc player for two teachers, CD ROMs, internet connections, printers and network capabilities for each building, the system and worldwide connectivity.

Additionally, media specialists throughout the system utilize automated check out, electronic card catalogs and inventory controls.

Cafeterias utilize computerized management systems for student lunches.

For efficient operation, heating and cooling in the system’s four newest schools are controlled by computers.

